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Honorable James H. Welsh
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B; Hosston Formation,
Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley Formation; Reservoir A;
CASPIANA FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B; the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; in the Caspiana Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B, such units being designated ROD RB SUM and ROD RB SUN and being shown on the attached plat.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an Operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
4. To authorize the downhole combination of production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and/or the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B; in the wellbore of any well located on the units proposed herein.
5. To extend to the proposed additional units, except to the extent contrary to these proposals, the applicable provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-D-3, effective February 1, 2000, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 191-D series of Orders.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to these proposals.

The Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-D-3, effective February 1, 2000.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

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The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Joe B. Adams and Associates, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Joe Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

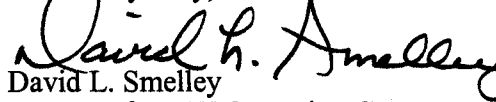
By letter dated September 12, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set October 6, 2003, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days of the date of the pre-application notice; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Caspiana Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is a check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley
Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. John Mahan (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of unit plat only)

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